

REMARKS

In accordance with the forgoing, claims 1-16, 20-36 and 40-57 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter claimed therein, and without relinquishment of the option of re-presenting the canceled claims in a continuation application. Claims 17-19 and 37-39 are the only claims remaining pending and have been allowed. Applicants wish to extend their gratitude to the Examiner for the allowance of claims 17-19 and 37-39.

Applicants assert that the remarks presented herein are fully responsive to and are sufficient to overcome the rejections presented in the Office Action. Applicant respectfully asserts that the present claims are in condition for allowance. Withdrawal of the instant rejections and issuance of a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Should any issues remain outstanding, the Examiner is urged to telephone the undersigned to expedite prosecution. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiencies and credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 13-2546.

Respectfully submitted,

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